



MARYLAND

Department of Natural Resources

Sustaining Maryland Fisheries

Maryland Fisheries, More than just Fish

Achievement of the Fisheries Service mission results in environmental, economic and social benefits for a broad spectrum of Maryland citizens.

MISSION

Protect, conserve and enhance fishery resources.

Provide and enhance fishing opportunities, including access.

Promote and protect fishery resources through outreach and education.

Provide sustainable economic opportunities.

PROBLEM: To fulfill its mission, fisheries service supports efforts in diverse arenas, some of which are listed below. Due to a \$3.2 million shortfall, funding is no longer available for all of these essential activities.

SERVICES

Science and Assessment Fishing Access Regulation & Legislation
Enforcement Allocation Restoration Stock Enhancement Data Management
Ecosystem Management Hatcheries Legal Analyses User Conflict Resolution
Environmental Review Interjurisdictional Management Habitat Protection
Harvest Monitoring Water Quality Monitoring Quota Tracking Marketing
Socio-economic studies Aquaculture Development Communication & Outreach
Buoys & Navigation Endangered & Threatened Species

SOLUTION: Many costs are covered by revenue from resource users who contribute via state license fees, and federal angler taxes. Raising commercial license fees will allow the commercial industry to cover more of its share of management costs and will maintain mission critical services.

FY 2012 Cost Recovery by Sector

